

Name: RUDOLF ANDERSON, JR. Major, USAF, 53065A

Date and Place of Birth: 15 September 1927, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Grade: Temporary Date: Major 4 May 1960  
Permanent Date: Captain 1 December 1958

Aeronautical Rating: Senior Pilot

Assignments:

Reserve Assignment (8 days active duty) from June 1948 to November 1951  
Adm O, Base Oprs Sec, 3625th Tng Wg, Tyndall AFB, Florida, from November 1951 to January 1952  
Student O, Pilot Tng, Spence Air Base, Moultrie, Georgia, from January 1952 to August 1952  
Student O, Helicopter Pilot Tng School, San Marcos AFB, Texas, from August 1952 to October 1952  
Student O, Jet Pilot Tng, James Connally AFB, Texas, from November 1952 to February 1953  
Temporary Duty, Moody AFB, Georgia, from February 1953 to April 1953  
Student O, Advanced AAF School, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, from April 1953 to August 1953  
Temporary Duty, Nellis AFB, Nevada, from August 1953 to September 1953  
Tac Recon Pilot, 15th TACRECON Sq, APO 76, FEAF, from October 1953 to April 1954  
Flt Comdr, 15th TACRECON Sq, APO 76, FEAF, from April 1954 to July 1954  
Tac Recon Pilot, 15th TACRECON Sq, APO 710, FEAF, from July 1954 to April 1955  
Pilot (F-84), 82d Strat Recon Sq, Larson AFB, Washington, from May 1955 to August 1955  
Temporary Duty (Stu Pilot), Moody AFB, Georgia, from August 1955 to December 1955  
Pilot (F-84), 82d Strat Recon Sq, Larson AFB, Washington, from December 1955 to May 1957  
Jet Ftr Pilot, 4028th Strat Recon Sq, Laughlin AFB, Texas, from June 1957 to September 1957  
Acft Comdr, 4028th Strat Recon Sq, Laughlin AFB, Texas, from September 1957 to November 1958 (Temporary Duty: Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico)  
Standardization Div, 4028th Strat Recon Sq, Laughlin AFB, Texas, from November 1958 to May 1960 (Temporary Duty: APO 937, Seattle, Washington).  
Member U-2 Branch, 4028th Strat Recon Sq, Laughlin AFB, Texas, from June 1960 to November 1961  
Chief, Recon Br, Stand Div, 4028th Strat Recon Sq, Laughlin AFB, Texas, from November 1961 to death, 27 October 1962

Medals and Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross: By direction of the President, Major Anderson was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross 25 August 1955, by distinguishing himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in arial flight during the month of March 1955. As leader of a flight element of two fighter type aircraft, he was assigned an operational mission of unusual nature. In view of the operational circumstances and skill and courage exhibited, he reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Cross (First Oak Leaf Cluster) was awarded Major Anderson 6 June 1956, with the following citation: "First Lieutenant Rudolf Anderson, Jr., distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in arial flight in 1955. The effectiveness and courage exhibited by Lieutenant Anderson in the accomplishment of this mission, under extremely hazardous flight conditions, ably demonstrated his outstanding proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty. In the performance of this special mission of vital significance to the United States, he has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Medals and Awards (continued)

Distinguished Flying Cross (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) was awarded Major Anderson 15 June 1960, accompanied by the following citation: "Captain Rudolf Anderson, Jr., distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight from 23 March 1959 to 28 April 1959. The effectiveness and courage exhibited by Captain Anderson in the accomplishment of these missions, under hazardous flight conditions, ably demonstrated his outstanding proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty. In the performance of these special missions of vital significance to the United States, he has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Air Medal: By direction of the President, Major Anderson was awarded the Air Medal 22 March 1960, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights during the period 24 April 1958 to 6 July 1958. The effectiveness and courage exhibited by him in the accomplishment of these missions, under extremely hazardous flight conditions, ably demonstrated his outstanding proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty. In the performance of these special missions of vital significance to the United States, he reflected credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Air Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) was awarded Major Anderson 14 September 1962, with the following citation: "Major Rudolf Anderson, Jr., distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 27 October 1960 to 2 December 1960 and from 18 October 1961 to 9 December 1961. The effectiveness and courage exhibited by Major Anderson in the accomplishment of these missions, under exceptional conditions, ably demonstrated his proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty. The professional ability and airmanship displayed by Major Anderson reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Distinguished Service Medal: Major Anderson was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal posthumously, 20 November 1962, for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility from 15 October 1962 to 27 October 1962.